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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Food Distribution Administration  
Washington, D. C.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. E-2

Examination of Processed Products for  
Mold and Insect and Maggot Infestation

In the inspection of processed fruits and vegetables, even though the applicable United States Standard or Federal Specification does not specifically require it, an examination should be made for insect and maggot infestation, and for mold filaments wherever these examinations are deemed necessary. If an inspection office is not fully equipped to make all of these determinations, samples of the product should be sent to the nearest inspection laboratory equipped to do this work.

Methods for making many of these determinations are incorporated in the Laboratory Manual for processed products inspectors. In the inspection of commodities not specifically covered in the manual the method which is most applicable to the product should be used. If the inspector has worked out, or has knowledge of methods which are improvements over the methods incorporated in our manual or instructions, this information should be sent to the Standardization Section of the Processed Products Standardization and Inspection Division.

The specific commodities on which the respective analyses are desirable are:

Berries and Cherries - Canned

Inspect for insect and maggot infestation.

Berries - Frozen

Inspect for mold, insect, and maggot infestation.

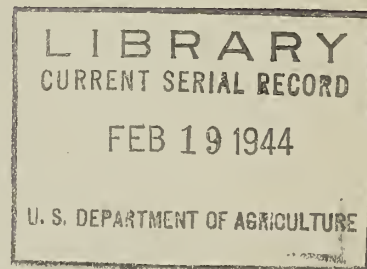
Cherries - Frozen

Inspect for insect and maggot infestation.

Jams (Preserves) and Fruit Butters

Inspect for mold, insect, and maggot infestation.

Fruit products used in the manufacture of Jams (Preserves) and Fruit Butter for all Army and FSCC contracts should be inspected for mold, insect, and maggot infestation wherever possible in addition to analysis of the finished product.



Tomatoes

Inspect for maggot infestation in goods which are known to come from sources where condition is prevalent.

Tomato Paste, Pulp, Catsup, Juice, Sauces

Inspect for mold, insect, and maggot infestation in goods which are known to come from sources where condition is prevalent.

Spices

Inspect for insect and maggot infestation.

Spinach (and other greens) - Canned and Frozen

Inspect for insect and maggot infestation in goods which are known to come from sources where condition is prevalent.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. H. Neal", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chief